

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2007

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Paukovitz	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Brooks	Aroma Park
Dr. Gingerich	Bradley
Mr. Piekarczyk	Kankakee County
Mr. McBurney	Bourbonnais
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lamme and Ms. Billadeau, Kankakee County; Mr. DiPalma, FHWA; Mr. Wheeler, FTA; Mr. Kelso, Mr. Lang, Mr. Videgar and Mr. Reed, IDOT; Mr. Morgan, Journal; Mayor Grimsley, Mayor Green and Mayor Latham

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and asked that all participants introduce themselves.

MINUTES

Dr. Gingerich moved approval of the October 25, 2006 minutes. Mr. McBurney seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Under New Business, MPO Membership was added to the Agenda. Mr. Paukovitz moved approval of the Agenda, and Mr. Brooks seconded. Unanimous vote.

FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

AMENDMENT

Mr. Lamme stated that there were no amendments.

LOWE ROAD TIMELINE

Mr. McBurney discussed the timeline for the Lowe Road STPU project, and Mr. Videgar asked about the 404 permit timing, which is due to expire in March. Chairman Piekarczyk explained the 404 permit process, and Mr. McBurney stated that he would investigate the issue. Mr. Reed stated that the right of way for the project needed to be secured as soon as possible, and Mr. McBurney stated that this issue was being aggressively pursued.

BURNS ROAD

Mr. McBurney discussed the timeline for the Burns Road STPU project, and Mr. Reed suggested a time saving submission on signatures for the project.

CARDINAL DRIVE

Dr. Gingerich discussed the timeline for the Cardinal Drive project. He handed out a new schedule based on recent discussions with IDOT personnel. He stated that they were still planning for a November 2007 letting. Mr. Lang stated that this was a very ambitious schedule, and that IDOT wanted to be sure that the schedule could be met. Mr. Lang further stated that if any of the STPU projects fell behind the schedule, his office needed to be alerted immediately. Mr. Lang stated that if a project fails to make it to letting in the defined fiscal year, the project will not necessarily “roll” to the next, but may have to go to the end of the programming cycle. Dr. Gingerich confirmed the ultimate project deadline was June 2008 so there is some cushion but that Bradley will continue to plan and work toward a November 2007 letting.

HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS

Mr. Reed stated that the three high priority projects in the **TIP** needed to have timelines prepared. Mr. Lammey stated that he and Mr. McBurney had discussed this subject, and that the timelines would be prepared for the next meeting.

FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated that staff will be keeping Technical Advisory Committee members up to date on the regular program of work, including the **UWP** and the **TIP**. He further stated that the passage of the federal transportation bill required that the **Long-Range Plan** be compliant with the new regulations, and that the Technical Advisory Committee would be kept up to date on this progress, as well. In response to a question, Mr. DiPalma stated that a possible consequence of not having a compliant **Long-Range Plan** would be the inability to amend the current adopted **TIP**.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

Ms. Billadeau gave a presentation on the Safe Routes to Schools program, and the possible benefits to the area. Mayor Grimsley stated the policy locally of “no kid ever has to walk” and wondered how this fit with the Safe Routes to Schools program. Ms. Billadeau stated that the program was not mandatory. Mr. Reed stated that the federal rules apply since this is federal funding. Ms. Billadeau stated that the program was a reimbursement program, with no local match.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT DATA COLLECTION

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the term “accident” is being phased to the term “crash”, and that he would amend his vocabulary to make that modification. Mr. Lammey stated that the “crash” data from 2004 to current has been collected from each MPO agency. He stated that the next step is to provide a database for those accidents, and that the Planning Department is committed to accomplishing that task. He thanked the Highway Department for their assistance in the effort, and stated that the next step in the process would be the GIS plotting of all crash data.

Mr. DiPalma asked if the GIS data would be available to the public, and Chairman Piekarczyk stated that it would be made available, in a format not yet determined.

MPO MEMBERSHIP

Chairman Piekarczyk referred the Technical Advisory Committee to a map of the Urbanized Area, showing two new municipalities, the Village of Limestone and the Village of Sammons Point. He stated that each of the new municipalities touched the current Urbanized Area at some point, and that some future determination of their inclusion into the Urbanized Area would need to be made.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

After general discussion, Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the February Technical Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled, and that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee would be on March 28, 2007 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 10:54 A.M.